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Parking Space

1. On Thursday, 1 March 1951, I attended a meeting at the National Park Service regarding our informal request for the development of additional parking space to the south of temporary buildings K and L by the use of park areas. The National Park Service representatives were:

- a. Mr. Edward J. Kelly Superintendent, NPS
- b. Mr. Harry T. Thompson Associate Superintendent
- c. Mr. Merel S. Sager Planning Officer

2. As a result of our request, which had the sponsorship of the Public Buildings Service, the National Park Service completed a survey of the entire parking problem to the rear of those buildings. A horticulturist was detailed to survey the site to determine whether parking could be permitted without harm to the trees and shubbery.

3. As a result of the survey National Park Service came to the same conclusion that they have in the past; namely, they did not feel that additional parking should be permitted on the park area. The horticulturist reported that the trees and shubbery would be damaged. Primarily however the National Park Service was extremely reluctant to veer from its established policy of not using parking area for parking facilities. They felt that if an exception were made in this case there would be no end to the number of requests that they would be receiving not only in that particular area but probably throughout the city.

4. They were entirely sympathetic with our problem and extremely interested in the park and parking situation in that particular area as evidenced by the fact that all three of their representatives personally inspected the area involved.

5. Unless this problem is carried to a much higher level, I do not believe that any purpose would be served by any further negotiations with the National Park Service.

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